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SUBJ: PROPOSED FY '77 AFRICA TRADE PROMOTION SCHEDULE - ETHIOPIA

1. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA BELIEVES CONSTRUCTION BUILDING EQUIPMENT CATALOG SHOW PROPOSED FOR AUGUST 1977 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE EVENT PROVIDED TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT INCLUDED ARE ATUNED TO ETHIOPIAN CONSTRUCTION NEEDS.

2. ONLY OTHER EVENT IN AFRICA PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST IN ETHIOPIA IS INTEGRATED AGRIBUSINESS TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR SCHEDULED FOR FOUR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 1977. EPMG CONSIDERS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY COOPERATIVES AND STATE FARMS, TO BE THE TOP PRIORITY, BOTH FOR EXPORT CASH CROPS AND LOCAL FOOD CONSUMPTION. LARGE PLANTATIONS OF COFFEE, COTTON, SUGAR, AND OTHER CROPS, HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER FROM FORMER PRIVATE OWNERS AND, WHILE LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY VARIES, GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE IN MANAGING THESE FARMS HAS BENERALLY BEEN VERY GOOD. WE BELIEVE INCLUSION OF ETHIOPIA IN SUBJECT EVENT WOULD BE TIMELY AND WOULD OFFER POTENTIAL SALES FOR VARIOUS AGRIBUSINESS EQUIPMENT.
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